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2. Do the newspapers keep citizens informed of community conditions?
3. Is the radio used for social hygiene educational programs?
4. Are approved social hygiene motion pictures shown in theaters? Do educational agencies use such pictures?
5. Are libraries providing up-to-date books and pamphlets? Are exhibits shown?
6. Have the hazards of prostitution, venereal diseases, and related questions been discussed by men's and women's clubs? Parent-teacher groups? Church organizations? Business and industry? Have these groups joined in community action for protection against these hazards?
7. Have pharmacists been asked to cooperate?
8. Are industry and the trade unions aiding the campaign for clean community conditions?
9. Are the home, church, and school fulfilling their responsibility in relation to these aspects of family and community life? Have the churches taken a stand demanding wholesome community conditions?
10. Is appropriate health and family life education a part of the school curriculum? Are there community facilities for instruction in health and human relations for parents and other adults?
11. Have all these agencies and groups taken a united stand for maintenance of wholesome community conditions; and when necessary do they take prompt action to secure improvement?

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OVER-ALL BOARD

Do you have a board or committee to support and stimulate all agencies involved and to assure mutual understanding and cooperation? Such a board should be composed of representatives of your Health Department, Welfare Department, Police Department, Courts, School Board, hotels and taverns, and citizens representing business, labor, civic, religious, and minority interests.



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1. Is year-round public education carried on to help in campaigns against prostitution and venereal diseases? Are other educational activities conducted at special times, such as Social Hygiene Day?

2. Do the newspapers keep citizens informed of community conditions?

3. Is the radio used for social hygiene educational programs?

4. Are approved social hygiene motion pictures shown in theaters? Do educational agencies use such pictures?

5. Are libraries providing up-to-date books and pamphlets? Are exhibits shown?

6. Have the hazards of prostitution, venereal diseases, and related questions been discussed by men's and women's clubs? Parent-teacher groups? Church organizations? Business and industry? Have these groups joined in community action for protection against these hazards?

7. Have pharmacists been asked to cooperate?

8. Are industry and the trade unions aiding the campaign for clean community conditions?

9. Are the home, church, and school fulfilling their responsibility in relation to these aspects of family and community life? Have the churches taken a stand demanding wholesome community conditions?

10. Is appropriate health and family life education a part of the school curriculum? Are there community facilities for instruction in health and human relations for parents and other adults?

11. Have all these agencies and groups taken a united stand for maintenance of wholesome community conditions; and when necessary do they take prompt action to secure improvement?

This Is the Responsibility of—

THE HOMES—CHURCHES—SCHOOLS, YOUTH AND YOUTH-SERVING AGENCIES, SOCIAL HYGIENE SOCIETIES, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

OVER-ALL BOARD

Do you have a board or committee to support and stimulate all agencies involved and to assure mutual understanding and cooperation?

Such a board should be composed of representatives of your Health Department, Welfare Department, Police Department, Courts, School Board, hotels and taverns, and citizens representing business, labor, civic, religious, and minority interests.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ALL ITS CITIZENS

The only agency that can effectively unite all of the necessary community forces is civic government. This board or committee should be an integral part of local administration.

Wherever a community has established planning and coordinating bodies in the fields of Health, Welfare, Education, or Law Enforcement, the official board should utilize such existing organizations.

PROSTITUTION

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• CORRUPTS PUBLIC OFFICIALS • SPREADS VENEREAL DISEASES

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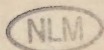
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